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Reports for 1877-78-79 on file.

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The Annual Meeting of the Corporation, for the election of officers and transaction of business, is held on the third Wednesday of January.

The Board of Trustees holds its annual meeting on the first Wednesday of February, and quarterly meetings on the first Wednesday of January, April, July, and October, at 5 p. m., at the Hospital. Special meetings are held by direction of the president.

The Ladies' Aid Association holds its annual meeting, for the choice of officers and transaction of business, on the last Wednesday of January, at 12 m.

Monthly meetings of the Managers of the Ladies' Aid Association are held at the Hospital on the last Wednesday of each month, at 11 a. m.

The Executive Committee meet at the Hospital every Saturday, at 12 m., and hold special meetings whenever necessary.

The Medical Board holds its regular meetings on the last Wednesday evening of March, June, September, and December.

The Hospital is located on East Concord Street, between Harrison Avenue and Albany Street, Boston.

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OFFICERS OF THE HOSPITAL, 1880.

PRESIDENT.

CHARLES R. CODMAN.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Rufus S. Frost,
Henry S. Russell,
Liverus Hull,
Otis Clapp.

TRUSTEES.

William Pope,
David L. Webster,
Wm. B. Merrill,
Joel Goldthwait,
R. H. Stearns,
Chester Guild,
Joseph Story,
Mrs. A. Hemenway,
Mrs. Isaac Fenno,
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Mrs. H. B. Stanwood,
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I. T. Talbot,
D. G. Woodvine,
Thos. B. Ticknor.

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Miss Ellen Frothingham, 9 Exeter St.

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Isaac Fenno, 28 Summer St.

MEDICAL AND SURGICAL STAFF.

E. B. de Gersdorff, M. D.,
Conrad Wesselhoeft, M. D.,
Henry C. Ahlborn, M. D.,
David Thayer, M. D.,
W. P. Wesselhoeft, M. D.,
D. G. Woodvine, M. D.,
Herbert C. Clapp, M. D.,
Mary Safford Blake, M. D.,
Physicians.

I. T. Talbot, M. D.,
A. Boothby, M. D.,
Wm. L. Jackson, M. D.
Surgeons.

Henry C. Angell, M. D., *Ophthalmic Surgeon.*

S. Whitney, M. D., *Pharmacist.*
Edward O. Eckert, *House Physician.*
N. W. Emerson, *House Surgeon.*

COMMITTEE ON PHARMACY.

C. Wesselhoeft,
David Thayer,
E. B. de Gersdorff.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Charles R. Codman,
Liverus Hull,
William Pope.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Chester Guild,
I. T. Talbot,
Miss Helen Collamore,
Miss F. E. Horton.

MATRON.

Mrs. M. A. Pratt.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MASSACHUSETTS HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL,

For the Year 1879.

The Trustees, in accordance with the custom of previous years, present the report of their Executive Committee, which, with that of the Treasurer and of the Medical Board, sufficiently shows the financial condition of the institution, with the details of its management. These Reports contain all the information required by the By-Laws to be given to the Corporation at the Annual Meeting, and it would be unnecessary to add anything to them at this time, were it not that a vote of the Corporation at the last Annual Meeting seems to require some further statements from the Board of Trustees.

At that meeting, a petition was presented, signed by sixty-nine members of the Massachusetts Homœopathic Medical Society, requesting that none but non-medical persons be elected upon the Board of Trustees, and further praying that the Medical Board of the Hospital might be composed of "such men as would command the confidence of the profession."

The Corporation took no action upon this petition, other than to refer it to the Board of Trustees which was elected at the same meeting, and was in part composed of medical men who were, with one exception, the same physicians that were upon the Board the previous year. This action would seem to indicate that there did not exist in the minds of the members of the Corporation any reason for a change from what had become the usual practice, of electing a limited number of physicians to the Board of Trustees; and as the same physicians who had previously been chosen were re-elected, it would seem that, in the opinion of the corporators, they were men who would command the respect of that portion of the community, both lay and medical, who believe that the Homœopathic practice of medicine marks an important advance in medical science.

As, however, the Corporation had seen fit to refer the petition to the Trustees, it was deemed by that body desirable that the petitioners should have an opportunity to state their reasons for presenting it, and a hearing was therefore had at a special meeting of the Board, held at the Boston University School of Medicine, on the evening of the 11th of February. Notice of this hearing was sent to each of the sixty-nine persons who had signed the petition, and sixteen physicians appeared in response to this notice. Some of this number stated to the Board that

they had changed their views and did not desire to be considered as signers of the petition, as they had no charges to make against the Hospital or its Medical Board. Others stated that while they had no charges to make, they were yet of opinion that it was not for the interest of the Hospital that any medical men should be upon the Board of Trustees, for the reason that such members of the Board became practically the sole managers of the Hospital. One or two only of the petitioners expressed a personal distrust of the physicians who composed the Medical Board, and allegations were made, somewhat vague in character, of maltreatment of patients.

After a patient hearing, the Trustees voted, in the presence of the petitioners, that they be requested to present affidavits to the Board in confirmation of the statements made, and the hearing was then closed.

No affidavits have yet been presented, after a period of eleven months, to sustain the charges that were made; and the Trustees have to report to the Corporation that, in their opinion, no facts exist that should diminish the confidence of the Corporation in the members of the Medical Board.

It is certainly most desirable that the management of the Hospital should commend itself to the approval of the Homœopathic physicians of Massachusetts, and the Trustees have no reason to suppose that these physicians, as a body, are dissatisfied with it. Whatever feeling may have existed a year ago was limited to a very few individuals; but as some publicity has been given to the matter, the Trustees feel it to be due to themselves, as well as to the members of the Medical Board, to declare that the members of that Board are, in their opinion, fully entitled to the confidence of the Corporation and of the community.

There remains one point to be considered, suggested by the petition which was referred to the Trustees. It relates to the composition of the Board, which now consists of eight medical and twenty-three non-medical members. It has been urged that no medical men should be upon the Board. The question is one for the corporators of the Hospital to determine according to their best discretion; but the non-medical members of the present Board of Trustees are constrained to record it as their opinion, that, whatever change is made in the composition of the Board, it is indispensably necessary that medical assistance should be given to the Trustees in the performance of their duties. If this assistance cannot be obtained from their own number, it will be necessary to appoint a resident physician for the Hospital, to decide upon matters which at present are arranged by the Trustees with the aid of their medical members. Whether such an appointment is desirable or necessary, having regard to the wants and resources of the Hospital, is a practical question which should be carefully considered.

It is not now the fact, as seems to have been supposed by some of the signers of the petition, that the actual management of the Hospital is in the hands of the medical members of the Board of Trustees. The im-

mediate control of the Hospital is exercised by an Executive Committee of five persons, of whom only one is a physician. This committee meets at the Hospital every week and undertakes a variety of executive details which in larger hospitals devolve upon a resident physician, who is usually a man of standing and experience in the profession, and whose services can only be obtained by the payment of a liberal salary.

With these suggestions the Trustees are content to leave the subject to the consideration of the ladies and gentlemen who compose the Corporation, many of whom have been the constant and unwearied benefactors of the Hospital since its foundation, and whose cordial and intelligent interest in its success cannot be doubted.

For the Trustees,

CHARLES R. CODMAN,
President.

ELLEN FROTHINGHAM,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

THE Trustees, and the friends of the institution generally, are to be congratulated on the large measure of success which has attended the work of the Hospital the past year.

There has been a considerable increase in the average number of patients treated, and with results which prove remarkably favorable for the credit of genuine Homœopathic practice.

Notwithstanding the fact that no extraordinary efforts have been made to procure funds, either through fairs or other public appeals for aid, and that the customary reunion of Homœopaths, heretofore a material source of income, was this year omitted, no worthy poor patient, if a suitable subject for hospital treatment, has been refused admittance, or denied the benefits to be derived from Homœopathic treatment, within its well-arranged and cheerful wards.

The increase in the number of female patients has been so large as to require more room than could be accorded in the women's public ward; and in consequence thereof, the men's public ward has also been devoted to the use of female patients, and the men removed to two smaller wards.

During portions of the first and second quarters of the past year, the Hospital contained a larger number of patients under treatment than ever before. As is usual, during midsummer the number of patients diminished, but with the cooler weather of the late autumn months their numbers increased again. Taking the whole year together, there was an increase of over twenty per cent in the number of days' treatment of patients as compared with the previous year, which had shown a material increase over the one preceding it. This steady progress from year to year is very gratifying; indicating, as it does, a constant increase in the usefulness of the institution.

The total amount disbursed, under the supervision of the Executive Committee, for the maintenance of the Hospital during the year 1879, including not only the ordinary current expenses, but in addition, several rather heavy items, expended for purposes of permanent utility, which will not be likely to occur again for a long time, is $7,934.25. This is a gross increase of $1,251.75 over the total for 1878. But we are pleased to be able to report, that the average cost of support per day, for each patient treated, has been actually diminished more than six per cent, as compared with the average cost in 1878.

This result, we believe, fairly indicates that a just and reasonable economy has been exercised in the expenditure of your funds, while every

variety of hospital diet, suitable for the sick and convalescent, of the best quality obtainable, has been liberally furnished.

As a natural result of returning prosperity in the community, a considerable increase in the receipts from paying patients is quite apparent. Many benevolent individuals distribute their charity by contributing to the Hospital a certain sum for the support of a temporary free bed, to which they can themselves nominate the occupant, or if they prefer to do so, they can leave it to the officers of the Hospital to place thereon any worthy applicant at their discretion, until the contribution is exhausted. Others pledge themselves to pay the board bills, for a specified time, of needy patients, in whose welfare they feel some special interest.

Either of these methods is a most excellent form of charity, as the money contributed is placed where it is sure of accomplishing the greatest possible amount of good, without the possibility of its getting into the hands of impostors or of being expended for unworthy purposes, and saves to the donors all personal trouble in the application of their bounty.

Mrs. M. A. Pratt, who assumed the position of matron April 1, 1879, continues to execute its duties with zeal and fidelity.

The change in the office of matron, made at that date, naturally created some other changes in the domestic arrangements and service of the Hospital. The committee, believing it to be essential for the efficiency of the Hospital that all its employés should be in complete accord with the matron, the responsible head of its domestic administration, reluctantly felt compelled, after a fair trial, to advise the removal of one very capable nurse, who had been for a long time in its service. Since that change was made, all the domestic staff have appeared to co-operate most cordially in the work of the institution.

As usual, the medical and surgical staff have in turn given their valuable services through the year, one or more of them attending daily at the Hospital for specified periods, regularly allotted in turn to each member.

For the past year, Dr. Frederic B. Percy has held the position of House Physician, and Dr. Horace Packard, that of House Surgeon, faithfully performing their respective duties.

Dr. S. Whitney, M. D., has continued in charge of the Pharmacy, and has conducted its affairs, as heretofore, with a view to its economical and efficient administration.

The immediate personal care of the patients, always a most valuable adjunct to the medical or surgical treatment in any school of practice, is in the hands of a corps of skilled and faithful nurses, some of whom have been connected with this Hospital for many years.

The Hospital building and its furnishings appear to be generally in excellent condition, all small repairs and renewals having been promptly made, from time to time, as they seemed to be required.

The parlor organ, through long use, having become unfitted for accompanying the devotional exercises, the Executive Committee accepted the

kind offer of the matron of an excellent piano, belonging to her, as a gratuitous loan, to be used for that purpose.

No considerable expenditures have been made upon the grounds attached to the Hospital, but they have been kept neat and attractive, mainly by the labors of the janitor during such hours as he could be conveniently spared from his other duties.

A handsome donation of garden plants was received in early summer, from an unknown benefactor, by the hand of Miss Mary R. Wales, which added greatly to the beauty and cheerfulness of the grounds throughout the season.

When our last annual report was presented, it was contemplated by some of the most steadfast friends of the Hospital to hold a fair in aid of its funds, some time during the past year ; but in view of the numerous fairs and festivals constantly presented to the public, it was deemed judicious to postpone our claims to that form of patronage, and to omit for the year the reunion of Homœopaths, which has annually been held under the auspices of the friends of the Hospital.

The Ladies' Aid Association, through their appointed visitors, have continued their good work of visiting and encouraging the sick and weak inmates of the Hospital, and have also manifested their benevolent interest in the institution, by frequent contributions of fruits, flowers, and various other articles acceptable to invalids.

They have also contributed a long-desired addition to the system of electric bells within the Hospital, a committee of their board of management contracting for the work and superintending its construction. For this timely and generous donation, cordial thanks, on behalf of your board, was respectfully tendered by this committee.

From time to time, verbal and written communications have been received from the board of managers of the Ladies' Aid Association, offering valuable suggestions affecting the interests of the Hospital, which have been respectfully considered by the Executive Committee, and prompt action has been taken thereon when necessary.

It is a standing rule that prompt acknowledgment, with thanks, shall be sent by the matron to the donors of a great variety of articles of delicacy and comfort, constantly received at the Hospital for the use of the patients, whenever the name and address can be ascertained ; but it frequently happens that many articles are hastily left by express and otherwise, without the slightest clew attached to them indicating their origin, so that it is impossible to send our thanks direct. To all such unknown benefactors of these sick and needy people, we desire to tender our hearty thanks on their behalf, in this public manner, that we may not be deemed ungrateful by them.

One large-hearted lady has, for several years past, taken pains to provide ample materials for a generous Christmas festival. Her bounty did not fail us for 1879, but contributed greatly to cheer and brighten the day for many who have but little other opportunity for enjoyment.

Among the most important of the expenditures during the past year, and those not likely to be again required, may be mentioned the cost of putting in additional hot-air pipes from the furnace to each of the two large public wards, with a new register for each, amounting to $129.90. This sum included the cost of removing one of the large upright registers from the lower hall.

The result of this change is deemed very satisfactory, as it distributes the heat to better advantage, by lessening the heat in the lower hall, where there had usually been a surplus, and giving an increased supply to the two large wards, where it is really needed.

Another unusual expenditure was the purchase of a fifty-light Schooley's Automatic Gas Regulator, costing $66.50.

This was decided upon, after a careful trial of several weeks had satisfactorily demonstrated a capacity for saving some twenty-five per cent in the quantity of gas consumed, during the time our experiment was continued.

A first-class fire-alarm box has been placed upon the Hospital building at a cost of $45, the city of Boston connecting it with their fire-alarm circuit without expense to us.

The use of this box, designated by the Fire Commissioners as No. 643, is strictly limited to sending an alarm for a fire occurring on these premises. It is certainly to be hoped that no occasion will ever be found for its use. If, however, such an emergency should occur, it is earnestly desired that Homœopathic physicians, hearing its number struck upon the fire bells, will promptly repair to the Hospital and lend their aid in removing helpless patients to a place of safety. It is also understood that the city ambulance will at once respond to a fire call from any hospital.

A telephone has recently been added to our facilities at the cost of a small monthly rental, and proves of great utility, by saving time and expense in transacting various details of daily service.

By some oversight of the printers, the bill for the publication of the Annual Report for 1877 was not presented for payment until the year 1879, showing in the present year's account two items for publication of reports, and increasing the sum total of the year's expenditure $108.

The estimated quantity of coal required up to May 1, 1880, one hundred and fifty tons, has been contracted for by a responsible house at the rate of $4.35 per ton for furnace size, and at $4.85 for range size, from mines of established reputation.

The Executive Committee have held regular weekly sessions at the Hospital throughout the year; the lady members also visiting the building at other times, and generally exercising a careful oversight through every department of its domestic administration. All bills and accounts for supplies are carefully examined by this committee at their regular sessions, and if found correct are approved by them, and promptly settled as soon as possible thereafter.

All bills for purchases authorized by this committee, which were presented previous to the date of this report, were paid, and none of them now remain unsettled. Quarterly reports of all expenditures in detail, and of amounts collected from patients, are regularly transmitted by this committee to the treasurer of the Corporation.

The following statement exhibits the amount and cost of the work accomplished by the Hospital the past year:—

STATEMENT.

Number of patients in the Hospital, Jan. 1, 1879	19
" " admitted during 1879	137
" " treated during 1879	156
" " remaining over Jan. 1, 1880	27
Average number of patients for the year 1879	22⅓
Entire number of days patients were treated	8,187
Average number of days each patient was treated	52½

Number of paying patients for the year 1879	67
Whole number of days paying patents were present	3,365
Average number of days for each paying patient	50¼

Number of patients paying in part during the year 1879	17
Whole number of days of partial paying patients in year 1879	1,276
Average number of days for each partial paying patient during the year 1879	75

Number of free patients during the year 1879	72
Whole number of days free patients were present in 1879	3,546
Average number of days each free patient remained in 1879	49¼

Number of patients paying part of the time of their stay, 1879,	17
Number of days this class paid in 1879	798
Number of days this class was treated free in 1879	478

Entire number of days paying patients were present in 1879	4,163
Entire number of days free patients were present in 1879	4,024
Total number of days treatment patients of all classes in 1879	8,187

Entire expenses of the Hospital for the year 1879 . . .	$7,934 25
Average cost per day for the 8,187 days patients were treated,	0 97
Average cost per week for each patient in 1879 . . .	6 79

As compared with the cost for each patient per week in 1878, the above statement shows a reduction in the cost of support of over six per cent in 1879.

Thankful for the past and prayerful for the future welfare of the Hospital, we respectfully submit this report for the consideration of the Trustees.

For the Executive Committee,

CHESTER GUILD,
Chairman.

BOSTON, MASS., Jan. 1, 1880.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL BOARD.

THE number of patients treated in the Hospital during the year is 156. Of these 76 are medical, 44 surgical, 34 gynecological, and 2 ophthalmic.

Drs. W. P. Wesselhoeft, D. G. Woodvine, Conrad Wesselhoeft, and E. B. de Gersdorff have attended in the medical department during the successive quarters of the year; Drs. Talbot, Boothby, and Jackson in the surgical; Dr. Angell in the ophthalmic; and Dr. Blake in the gynecological. Whenever, from previous acquaintance or from any other cause, there has been a desire on the part of paying patients to have any member of the medical staff attend them, such service has been cheerfully rendered on the part of the physicians. In addition to this, an arrangement has been made by the trustees, upon the recommendation of this Board, which is quite unusual in hospitals, and which gives the greatest liberty to patients, in their preferences for an attending physician. It is that any physician in good standing may be permitted to have charge of any paying patients, upon and by their request. Although this has not been widely taken advantage of, yet several patients have thus been under the care of physicians not members of the Medical Board, and, so far as is known, only with good results.

The increased average time of the patients is owing to the fact that many chronic cases of long standing have been admitted, and in some instances the result has been unexpectedly favorable. Although the Hospital is designed for acute and curable cases only, yet in many instances this rule has been waived, and patients admitted, who, though fatally sick, could be better cared for here than elsewhere.

Nine deaths have occurred in the Hospital during the year. These were from the following causes: two of phthisis pulmonalis, one of aneurism of the aorta, terminating in rupture, one of Bright's disease, a few days after admission, one of apoplexy of the brain, one of senile marasmus, one of valvular disease of the heart, one of chronic peritonitis, and one of relapse in typhoid fever, received into the hospital in a state of collapse. It is a remarkable fact that in the nine years of the Hospital no patient has died here from acute disease.

The following presents a summary of cases treated during the year: —

MEDICAL CASES.

Disease.	No. Cases.	Cured.	Improved.	Not Improved.	Left without Consent.	Died.	Remaining.
Disease of digestive organs	11	5	5	.....	.....	1	
Disease of nervous system	19	8	10	.....	1	....	1
Disease of heart	4	1	3	.....	.....	.....	1
Disease of lungs	11	3	3	3	.....	2	3
Disease peculiar to men	3	3					
Disease peculiar to women	15	7	7	1	.....	.....	3
Apoplexy	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	
Bright's disease, chronic	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	
Eczema	1	1					
Epilepsy	2	1	1				
Hæmoptysis	1	1					
Hysteria	3	2	1				
Melancholia	2	.....	2				
Opium habit	1	1					
Paralysis	3	2	1	.....	.....	.....	1
Parturition	1	1					
Pneumonia	2	2					
Poison, Rhus	1	1					
Poison, Quinine	1	.....	1				
Rheumatism	7	5	2	.....	.....	.....	1
Senile marasmus	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	
Scrofulous ophthalmia	1	1					
Typhoid fever	2	2					
Typhoid fever, relapse	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	
Total	95	47	36	4	1	7	10

SURGICAL CASES GENERALLY REQUIRING OPERATIONS.

Disease.	No. Cases.	Cured.	Improved.	Not Improved.	Left without Consent.	Died.	Remaining.
Abscess	3	1	1	1	.....	.....	1
Amputation	3	3					
Aneurism	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	
Cystitis	2	1	1				
Disease of the eye	3	2	1				
Disease of joints	3	.....	2	.....	1	.....	1
Fistula	8	2	4	1	1	.....	3
Fracture	3	2	1	.....	.....	.....	1
Fracture ununited	1	.....	1				
Hernia	1	1					
Hydrocele	2	2					
Luxation	2	2					
Malformation	1	.....	1				
Necrosis	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1
Periostitis	1	1					
Phimosis	1	1					
Polypus uteri	1	1					
Pott's disease	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1
Psoas abscess	1	1					
Sprain	1	1					
Tumors, cancer	4	2	.....	1	.....	1	
" cystic	3	3					
" epithelioma	5	4	1				
" epulis	1	1					
" fibroma	5	4	.....	1			
Uterine displacements	2	.....	2		.....	.....	1
Varicose ulcers	1	1					
Total	61	36	17	4	2	2	9

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ISAAC FENNO, TREASURER, *in account with Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital.*

1879.		DR.		
Jan.	1.	To balance on hand		$3,701 38
		To amount received for interest: —		
		City of Detroit bonds . . .	$150 00	
		" Cincinnati bonds . . .	90 00	
		" Columbus bonds . . .	210 00	
		" St. Louis bonds . . .	150 00	
July	1.	Barnes, Ward & Co., interest on loan,	59 00	
		City of Detroit bonds	150 00	
		" Cincinnati bonds . . .	90 00	
		" Columbus bonds . . .	210 00	
		" St. Louis bonds . . .	150 00	
		Detroit, Hillside and Southwestern Railroad	9 60	
Dec.	31.	Barnes, Ward & Co., interest on loan,	90 00	
		City of Detroit bonds	150 00	
		" Cincinnati bonds . . .	90 00	
		" Columbus bonds . . .	210 00	
		" St. Louis bonds . . .	150 00	
		Total income on investments . . .		$1,958 60
		To amount of annual subscriptions —		
		Mrs. G. A Russell . . .	50 00	
		" F. M. Tracy . . .	1 00	
		Collected by Dr. W. P. Wesselhoeft —		
		Mrs. N. B. Curtis . . .	100 00	
		" Jona. French . . .	10 00	
		" W. B. Frothingham . .	10 00	
		" Daniel Osgood . . .	10 00	
		Collected by Mrs. S. T. Hooper —		
		Mrs. F. M. Weld	10 00	
		Mr. F. M. Weld	10 00	
		" F. M. Weld, Jr. . . .	10 00	
		Mrs. H. W. Taylor . . .	1 00	
		" Franklin King . . .	25 00	
		Total amount of subscriptions . . .		237 00

To amount for annual free beds: —			
Collected by Dr. W. P. Wesselhoeft —			
Mrs. A. H. Batchelder . .	$100 00		
Collected by Mr. C. Guild —			
Mrs. G. W. W. Dove . . .	100 00		
Collected by Miss H. Collamore —			
Miss H. Bradlee	20 00		
" S. H. S.	20 00		
Mrs. J. N. Fiske	10 00		
Miss Collamore	10 00		
Mrs. Samuel Hatch . . .	10 00		
" Eben Collamore . . .	5 00		
" Wm. Amory . . .	5 00		
" G. E. W. Woods . . .	5 00		
" J. B. Moors	5 00		
" I. F. Dobson . . .	3 00		
A Friend	2 00		
Collected by Dr. I. T. Talbot —			
H. S. Russell	100 00		
Mrs. R. H. Stearns . . .	20 00		
Total amount for annual free beds . .		$420 00	
To amount for permanent fund —			
C. R. Codman, life membership .	100 00		
Estate Helen M. Littlehale .	400 00		
Total amount for permanent fund . .		500 00	
To donation Mrs. Anna G. Russell .		1,000 00	
Amount from Ladies' Aid Society, permanent free bed . . .		550 00	
Amount from fair 1872, by Dr. D. G. Woodvine . . .		10 35	
Total receipts			$4,675 95
			$8,377 33

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Jan. 27.	By amount paid Chester Guild, Chairman Executive Committee .	$300 00	
Feb. 5.	" " Chester Guild, Chairman Executive Committee .	200 00	
" 25.	" " Chester Guild, Chairman Executive Committee .	250 00	
March 28.	" " Chester Guild, Chairman Executive Committee .	250 00	
May 1.	" " Chester Guild, Chairman Executive Committee .	250 00	

June 28.	By amount paid Chester Guild, Chairman Executive Committee .	$250 00	
July 17.	" " Chester Guild, Chairman Executive Committee .	200 00	
Aug. 2.	" " Chester Guild, Chairman Executive Committee .	200 00	
Sept. 15.	" " Chester Guild, Chairman Executive Committee .	200 00	
Oct. 25.	" " Chester Guild, Chairman Executive Committee .	200 00	
		$2,300 00	
March 3.	By amount loaned Barnes, Ward & Co., 6 per cent	3,000 00	
Dec. 31.	" on hand in North National Bank	3,077 33	
			$8,377 33

JANUARY 19, 1880.

We have examined the above account and find it correct. We have also examined the securities in the hands of the treasurer, and find them correct.

For the Finance Committee,

C. R. CODMAN.
LIVERUS HULL.

LIST OF SECURITIES ON HAND DEC. 31, 1879.

City of Detroit bonds	$5,000 00
" Cincinnati bonds	3,000 00
" Columbus bonds	6,000 00
County of St. Louis bonds	5,000 00
Notes of Barnes, Ward & Co.	3,000 00
170 shares Chicago and West Michigan Railroad Stock, $60.00 .	10,200 00
30 shares Detroit, Hinsdale and Southwestern Railroad Stock .	000 00
Scrip " " " " " . .	120 00
	$32,320 00

SUMMARY OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

Supervised by Executive Committee of the Trustees for 1879.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF TRUSTEES

TO MASSACHUSETTS HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL.

1879.		DR.		
Jan.	1.	To balance cash on hand	$199 88	
		To cash received of I. Fenno, Esq., treas., various dates	2,300 00	
		To cash collected of patients, various dates	5,712 89	
				$8,212 77
		CR.		
		By cash paid maintenance of hospital	$7,937 75	
Dec.	31.	By balance cash on hand	275 02	
				$8,212 77

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CHESTER GUILD,

Chairman Executive Committee.

BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 31, 1879.

COST OF MAINTENANCE OF MASSACHUSETTS HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL.

Supervised by Executive Committee of Trustees.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT FOR YEARS 1879 AND 1878.

Salaries and wages paid employés	$2,335 26	$2,078 89
Night watching, extra	27 07	
Provisions, groceries, flour, and tea	2,649 06	2,382 31
Milk	561 33	581 05
Butter	145 33	234 77
Fuel	748 50	651 70
Gas	219 03	252 69
Water rates	92 86	129 82
Ice	271 31	73 00
Medical and surgical supplies	135 13	84 97
Repairs and renewals	216 62	134 14
Labor and materials on grounds	12 50	
Stationery and printing	69 12	79 16
Publishing Annual Report for 1877	108 00	
" " " " 1878	80 00	
Fire alarm, special box No. 643	45 00	
Schooley's Patent Gas Regulator	66 50	
Sundry small supplies	25 23	
Additions to steam heating apparatus	129 90	
Total expenditures for all purposes	$7.937 75	$6,682 50
	1879.	1878.
Amount collected from patients	$5,712 89	$4,385 84

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FREE BEDS.

During the first six years of the Hospital, any person, by paying one thousand dollars to the permanent fund, could secure the life use of a free bed. Eight such free beds were established. But it was found that the income from the sum thus paid was only sufficient to sustain the bed a few weeks in each year; and though the trustees did not fear any essential loss to the Hospital from this source, yet they thought it would be more satisfactory to all to make the cost of the bed nearly sufficient to meet the expense of it for the time occupied. Accordingly, in 1877, it was so arranged that any person who pays one thousand dollars may have the life use of a free bed three months in each year; twenty-five hundred dollars entitles the donor to the life use of the bed all the time; and five thousand dollars establishes a permanent free bed, which may always be kept full by the donor, and which the Hospital shall be bound to maintain after his decease, or it may be given immediately to the Hospital for its permanent use under such name as may be designated and arranged.

An annual subscription of one hundred and fifty dollars entitles the donor to the use of a free bed for six months in the year. Temporary free beds may be secured, to be used at any time within one year, at the regular Hospital rates, to the full amount of the sum paid. This plan enables any one to own a free bed to the full amount which he may contribute or obtain, by subscription or otherwise, for the Hospital. In accordance with a vote of the trustees that as many free beds be furnished at the Hospital expense as the funds will permit, three free beds have been supported during the past year from the funds of the Hospital. The following beds are now provided: —

LIST OF FREE BEDS, JAN. 1, 1880.

Name of Owner.	Address.	Time of Payment.	Amount Paid.	Character of Bed.
Mrs. George R. Russell	1 Louisburg Square.	Dec., 1870.	$1,000 00	Life Free Bed.
Mrs. A. G. Farwell....	16 Beacon Street.	Jan., 1871.	1,000 00	" "
Dr. George Russell....	14 Lynde Street.	July, 1871.	1,000 00	" "
Mrs. Mary Hemenway..	40 Mt. Vernon Street.	Aug., 1871.	1,000 00	" "
Miss Hannah M. Weld..	Jamaica Plain.	Sept., 1871.	1,668 11	" "
Dr. Sullivan Whitney..	Mass. Hom. Hospital.	Oct., 1871.	1,000 00	" "
Thos. F. Richardson....	13 Arlington Street.	Nov., 1871.	1,000 00	" "
Hon. Rufus S. Frost....	Chelsea.	Jan., 1876.	2,500 00	" "
Miss Ellen Stearns.....	77 Beacon Street.	April, 1876.	1,000 00	" "
Estate of A. Hemenway	40 Mt. Vernon Street.	June, 1877.	10,000 00	Two permanent Free Beds.
Ladies' Aid Association	.....	May, 1877.	5,000 00	Permanent Free Bed.
Dr. W. P. Wesselhoeft..	52 Boylston Street.	.....	100 00	Temporary Free Bed.
Dr. I. T. Talbot.....	66 Marlboro Street.	.....	120 00	" "
Chester Guild.....	15 State Street.	.....	100 00	" "
Miss H. Collamore.....	115 Beacon Street.	.....	100 00	" "

DONATIONS.

THE following donations have been sent to the Hospital at various times during the year 1879 : —

FRUIT AND FLOWERS.

Mrs. A. Hemenway, Mrs. S. T. Hooper, Mrs. W. H. Kennard, Mrs. Porter, Miss Manning, Miss Wales, Mrs. Spinney, Mrs. Billings, Mrs. Moring, Hollis Street Mission, Mrs. I. C. Colburn, Flower Mission by Miss Eliot, Mrs. Pope, Mrs. E. Whitney, Mr. W. Melvin, Jr., Mrs. Wm. Aspinwall, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Piper, Mr. Leach, Mrs. Franklin King, Mrs. Andrews, Mr. H. S. Russell, Mrs. James, Mrs. E. T. Farring, A Friend, Dr. I. T. Talbot, Mrs. I. E. Wood, Mrs. Alex. Strong, Mrs. Weld, Mrs. W. H. Horton, Mr. Waldron, An Unknown Friend.

PLANTS.

One hundred from A Friend, Mrs. I. T. Talbot, Mrs. H. S. Russell, and Mr. S. T. Forbes.

ICE CREAM AND JELLIES.

Mrs. I. T. Talbot, Mrs. A. G. Farwell, Ladies' Aid Association, Mrs. Moring, Mrs. Franklin King, Rev. D. W. Walker, Unknown Friend.

PICTURES, PAPERS, MAGAZINES, AND BOOKS.

Mrs. S. I. Thayer, Miss E. G. Shaw, Miss Bishop, Dr. W. P. Wesselhoeft, Mrs. I. W. Newell, Mr A. Brown, Mrs. Allen, Miss Brigham, Mrs. R. M. Pulsifer, Miss Minot, Mr. I. I. Spaulding, Mrs. Horton, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Davis, Miss Bates, Young Men's Christian Association, Rev. S. D. Walden.

LINEN, COTTON, SHEETS, TOWELS, AND CLOTHING.

Mrs. Ayers, Miss Underwood, Miss Abby W. May, Mrs. Moore, New Church Society, Boston, New Church Society, Newtonville, one package from Fitchburg depot, Mr. H. H. Reed, Mrs. Joseph Willard, Miss E. Becket, Mrs. E. Whitney, Mrs. Wasgatt, Mrs. I. H. Thorndike, Mrs. C. Minot Weld, Miss H. Collamore.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Children's toys from a friend ; sitz bath-tub from Miss Minot ; garden tools from Dr. I. T. Talbot ; extension chair and clock from Mrs. Strong ; a mangle from Miss Bates ; extension chair from Mrs. P. C. Brooks ; five carriage rides from the Young Men's Christian Union; from the Ladies' Aid Association, rides twice a week during the summer months ; ten dollars from Mr. I. C. Milne. We are indebted for many gifts to ladies who through delicacy have refused to give their names. Parcels have been received also by expressmen from unknown donors.

MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION.

Named in Act of Incorporation.

Otis Clapp.
John P. Jewett.
Jacob Sleeper.
Charles B. Hall.
George Bancroft.
*John D. Richardson.
*Adam W. Thaxter, Jr.
*Simon G. Cheever.
*Otis Tufts.
Robert L. Robbins.
James Dennie.

Dr. H. C. Ahlborn.
Mrs. E. B. Allen.
Frank W. Andrews.
Dr. H. C. Angell.
C. A. Bartol.
Mrs. A. H. Batchelder.
S. H. Blake.
Miss Sarah H. Blanchard.
D. H. Blaney.
Mrs. Peter C. Brooks.
*B. F. Campbell.
Mrs. George Chase.
Dr. H. L. Chase.
W W. Churchill.
Charles R. Codman.
*Mrs. Edward Codman.
Miss Helen Collamore.
George D. Cox.
Mrs. Nancy B. Curtis.
Mrs. John F. Demeritt.
Mrs. Oliver Ditson.
*Joseph Dix.
Mrs. G. W. W. Dove.
Mrs. A. G. Farwell.
Isaac Fenno.
Mrs. Isaac Fenno.
Dr. M. J. Flanders.
Mrs. J. M. Forbes.
Jonathan French.
R. S. Frost.
*Mrs. Ellen Frost.
† Miss Ellen Frothingham.
Joel Goldthwait.
Chester Guild.
† Dr. E. B. de Gersdorff.
John R. Hall.
Alpheus Hardy.
Mrs. Augustus Hemenway.
† Miss F. E. Horton.
F. A. Howard.
*Mrs. Peter Hubbell.
Liverus Hull.
C. E. Jenkins.
Mrs. F. O. Kendall.
Mrs. M. P. Kennard.
Mrs. W. H. Kennard.
C. F. McClure.
Mrs. C. F. McClure.
Wm. B. Merrill.
John Felt Osgood.
Mrs. John Felt Osgood.
Dr. J. P. Paine.
Miss Abby W. Pearson.
A. C. Perkins.
R. Perkins.
William Pope.
William C. Pope.
Mrs H. E. Raymond.
Mrs. B. T. Reed.
Isaac B. Rich.
Thomas F. Richardson.
S. B. Rindge.
Mrs. S. B. Rindge.
Royal E. Robbins.
Dr. George Russell.
Mrs. George R. Russell.
Henry S. Russell.
Mrs. Anna G. Russell.
Dr. O. S. Sanders.
Mrs. Deborah Shaw.
Francis G. Shaw.
Mrs. H. B. Stanwood.
Miss Ellen Stearns.
† R. H. Stearns.
† Joseph Story.
Mrs. C. E. Stratton.
James Sturgis.
Dr. I. T. Talbot.
Mrs. Caroline Tappan.
Isaac Thatcher.
Dr. David Thayer.
† Thomas B. Ticknor.
Mrs. Fenno Tudor.
*Dr. F. H. Underwood.
D. B. Washburn.
Miss Hannah M. Weld.
Dr. C Wesselhoeft.
Dr. W. P. Wesselhoeft.
Benj. C. White.
Dr. S. Whitney.
Dr. J. H. Woodbury.
Dr. D. G. Woodvine.
† David L. Webster.

* Deceased.

† Members during term of office.

BY-LAWS OF THE CORPORATION.

ARTICLE 1. The Corporation shall be composed of the persons named in the Act incorporating certain persons by the name of the "Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital," of such persons as may be, at any legal meeting of the Corporation, nominated and elected as members, and also of all such persons as shall have contributed the sum of one hundred dollars, or upwards, at any one time.

ART. 2. There shall be a meeting of the Corporation, on the third Wednesday in January, in each year, to be called the Annual Meeting, at which the following officers shall be elected, viz.: a President, four Vice-Presidents, such number of Trustees as the Corporation shall determine, not exceeding thirty, a Secretary, and a Treasurer; to serve one year and till others shall be chosen and qualified in their stead. Any person elected to, and signifying his acceptance of either of the offices mentioned in this article, shall become thereby a member of the Corporation during the term of office.

ART. 3. Notice of the Annual Meeting shall be given by the Secretary, in one or more newspapers printed in Boston, at least fourteen days, and by mail five days, previous to the day of meeting; but said meeting may be continued, from time to time, until the business thereof shall be accomplished; the Secretary giving at least one day's notice of the time and place of said adjournment, in a newspaper printed in Boston.

ART. 4. The President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be, *ex officio*, members of the Board of Trustees.

ART. 5. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation and of the Board of Trustees, if present, and shall have power to order special meetings of the Corporation or Board of Trustees whenever, in his opinion, it may be expedient, the Secretary giving at least seven days' notice of such special meetings of the Corporation in one or more of the newspapers printed in Boston, and at least two days' notice of such special meetings of the Board of Trustees, to be sent by mail to each of the members.

In the absence or incapacity of the President, or vacancy of the office, one of the Vice-Presidents shall perform the duties which devolve upon the President.

ART. 6. The Trustees shall constitute a board for the immediate management of all the property and concerns of the institution. They shall make such by-laws, rules, and regulations to govern their action as they may deem expedient, not inconsistent with the charter and by-laws of the Corporation. They shall meet at such times and places as they shall by vote determine, or as the President may direct, and all questions which

come before the board shall be determined by a majority of the Trustees present and voting thereon. They shall have power to take any measures which they may deem expedient for encouraging subscriptions, donations, and bequests to the Corporation; to petition the Legislature for any additional grants or privileges, and for such amendments and alterations of the several Acts relative to the Corporation as they may think advisable; to take charge of and watch over the general interests and concerns of the institution, to enter into and bind the Corporation by such compacts and engagements as they may deem advantageous; to appoint, annually or otherwise, all proper and necessary physicians, surgeons, officers, assistants, and servants, for the superintendence and management of the respective departments, with such salaries and allowances as they may, from time to time, fix and determine; to make such rules and regulations for the government of the said physicians, surgeons, officers, attendants, and servants, and for the admission of patients, and the well ordering and conducting of the respective departments of the institution, as to them may seem proper and expedient. *Provided*, however, that the said by-laws, rules, and regulations shall at all times be subject to be altered or amended by the Corporation at their annual meeting, or at any legal meeting specially called for that purpose.

They shall cause a fair record of all their doings to be kept, which shall be laid before the Corporation at every meeting thereof; and at every annual meeting, they shall make a written report on the Treasurer's accounts and on the general state of the institution, comprising an account of the receipts and expenditures of the Corporation, a statement of the numbers of patients admitted and discharged during the year in each department, and all such other matters as may be of importance and interest to the Corporation; and for this purpose they shall, at some previous meeting, appoint a committee of the board.

Art. 7. The Secretary shall notify and attend all meetings of the Corporation and of the Board of Trustees, and shall keep a distinct record of the doings of each.

Art. 8. The Treasurer shall give bonds, with sureties, to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties. He shall receive and have the custody of all moneys, bonds, notes, deeds, and other securities belonging to the Corporation, which he shall keep and manage, under the direction and control of the Board of Trustees or their Committee of Finance. He shall pay no money but by order of the Board of Trustees, or of their committees, duly authorized by the board to draw on him therefor.* He shall render an account of the state of his books and of the funds and property in his custody, when

* The following vote was passed by the Board of Trustees, on April 4, 1878: "The Treasurer is authorized to invest moneys or property belonging to the Hospital, and to sell or exchange any investments, only in accordance with a vote of the Board of Trustees certified to by the Secretary; or by written instruction signed by a majority of the Finance Committee.

called for by the Trustees or Corporation; and he shall make up the accounts to the last day of December in each year, which accounts, properly audited, shall be laid before the Corporation at their annual meeting.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE OF PATIENTS.

I. APPLICATIONS of patients for admission may be made to the house physician or house surgeon at the Hospital on any day of the week, and, when practicable, between 11 and 12 o'clock. The patient should apply in person, when able to do so; otherwise application may be made by a friend, and the patient will be visited by the house physician or house surgeon, and if admitted by the attending physician or surgeon, the proper papers will be forwarded to the patient.

II. The patient on admission shall give security, satisfactory to the Executive Committee, for the payment of expenses in the Hospital.

III. In cases of accident or of extreme emergency, the patient will be admitted without delay, and provided for as well as circumstances will permit.

IV. Contagious diseases, syphilis, delirium tremens, and also incurable diseases will not be admitted to the Hospital.

V. No patient will be allowed to remain longer than twelve weeks, except by the special consent of the Medical Board.

VI. All patients will be admitted and discharged upon the certificate of the attending physician or surgeon. He shall have discretionary power in the dismission of patients, or he may refer doubtful cases to the Medical Board.

Patients shall be discharged by the attending physician or surgeon at any time when, in his opinion, the interests of the patient or of the Hospital demand it.

VII. Whenever a patient is removed from the Hospital without the consent of the attending physician or surgeon, he shall require from the person assuming the responsibility of the removal a written statement to that effect.

VIII. The attending physician or surgeon shall not deliver the body of any person having died at the Hospital, without a written receipt from the parties taking the same.

IX. In case of the decease of any patient, the friends shall be apprised thereof by the matron, and the attending physician or surgeon shall sign a certificate of death, and shall furnish the City Registrar with a copy of the same. He shall also state the time and cause of death, the disposition made of the body, whether delivered to friends or buried from the Hospital. In the last case he shall mention the place of interment.

RULES FOR PATIENTS.

I. Patients must be in their proper places in the wards during the daily medical and surgical visits, between 11 and 12 A. M., and always by 8 P. M., unless specially exempted by the attending physician or surgeon

II. Patients shall not visit other wards without the consent of the matron.

III. Those free patients who are able are expected to assist in nursing and in such other services as may be reasonably required of them.

IV. No patient shall purchase, or cause any member of the household to purchase for him, any article of food whatsoever, or any other article, without the consent of the matron.

V. Profane or obscene language, noisy or loud talking, and incivility are prohibited.

VI. The use of tobacco, wine, and intoxicating liquors is prohibited within the Hospital, unless prescribed by the physician.

VII. Patients may be visited by a clergyman of their own selection, and the wish for the performance of any particular religious rite shall be indulged when practicable.

VIII. The rules of the Hospital must be implicitly obeyed by the patients. Should any patient wilfully and persistently disregard these rules, the friends will be notified to take him away, or, failing to do so, he will be discharged.

IX. Complaints for whatever cause may be made to the matron or Executive Committee, and when reasonable, shall be obviated, or reported by them to the trustees.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

When the trustees are not in session the Executive Committee shall have entire charge and control of the Hospital, and execute all the orders and directions of the trustees in relation to it. They shall regulate all the supplies and purchases of the Hospital, except those pertaining to the pharmacist; determine the necessary number and the wages respectively of all the employés of the Hospital; fix the price per week of the various beds or rooms, and whenever it is necessary, advise with and assist the matron in enforcing the rules and regulations of the Hospital. They shall meet as often as once a week to examine and consider the affairs of the Hospital committed to them, and report on all important matters at the regular meetings of the Board of Trustees.

THE MEDICAL BOARD.

I. The Medical Board shall consist of the physicians and surgeons appointed by the Board of Trustees.

II. They shall have full power and control over the medical and surgical treatment of all the patients in the Hospital.

III. They shall make such rules and regulations as they may deem best for their control and government, not inconsistent with the by-laws, rules, and regulations of the Hospital as established by the Board of Trustees.

IV. Any violation of the rules and regulations of the Medical Board shall be reported to the Board of Trustees.

MATRON.

I. The Hospital shall be under the care of the matron, who shall live in the building and shall not leave it except on necessary occasions. She shall not be absent for more than three hours at any one time, nor after ten o'clock, P. M., without the leave of the Executive Committee. She shall have the assistance of such nurses and servants as the Executive Committee may think proper, and shall hire and, when necessary, discharge the same.

II. The matron shall have the immediate superintendence of the nurses, servants, and all inmates of the Hospital, and shall enforce personal cleanliness, neatness, and obedience to orders on their part. In case of any refusal to conform to these rules and regulations, she shall report the same to the Executive Committee.

III. The matron shall make the entire round of the Hospital at least once a day, that she may be assured of the neatness and order of each department, and may become acquainted with the patients, their necessities and wants, and see that they have every comfort.

IV. She shall have charge and superintendence of all furniture, bedding, linen, provisions, table and household supplies, and see that none are unnecessarily wasted or destroyed. She shall keep in a book, designed for this purpose, an exact inventory of all goods belonging to and in the Hospital, and also memoranda of breakages or losses, occasioned by the patients or otherwise; and is directed to require payment for any article carelessly injured or broken, and make a report each Saturday to the Executive Committee.

V. It is the duty of the matron to receive all visitors, exercising discretion in showing to all suitable persons the Hospital and such wards as they may desire to see.

VI. The matron shall assign rooms or beds to patients on their entrance according to the price of board agreed upon, and shall collect weekly the bills of all those who are not free patients.

VII. The matron is requested to exclude from conversation at her table, and in every other place in the Hospital, all topics of a personal nature about any patient, such as anecdotes of patients, complaints, etc. Any nurse or servant violating this rule shall be dicharged.

VIII. The matron shall require punctuality at meals on the part of all connected with the Hospital.

The following are the hours for the meals: —

	Breakfast.	Dinner.	Supper.
For Patients	7 A. M.	12½ P. M.	6 P. M.
For Matron, House Physician and Surgeon, and Nurses	7½ "	1 "	6½ "
For Janitor and Servants	8 "	1½ "	7 "

IX. If it be desired to invite any guest to one meal, the consent of the matron shall be obtained; if to more than one, the consent of the Executive Committee is required.

X. The matron shall insist upon economy in all departments of the Hospital.

XI. All supplies received by the Hospital, either by gift or purchase, shall be entered in a book called the "supply book," which shall be regularly laid before the Executive Committee.

XII. A record shall be kept by the matron of every important occurrence in the Hospital.

XIII. No gift or remuneration shall be received by the matron, nurses, or servants, for anything done or to be done in virtue of their situation, upon pain of peremptory dismissal.

HOUSE PHYSICIAN AND HOUSE SURGEON.

I. The house physician and house surgeon shall reside at the Hospital, and shall not absent themselves for more than two hours at any time without the consent of the attending physician or surgeon, and on no account shall both be absent from the Hospital at the same time, unless it be in the attendance upon medical lectures in the adjoining college, at such time as their services may not be required in the Hospital.

II. They shall accompany the attending physician and surgeon respectively in their daily visits, make a careful record of the cases, the treatment, and the prescribed diet, prepare the medicine as directed, and deliver the same, together with necessary orders, to the nurses, directly after the morning visit.

III. They shall also have charge of the medical and surgical apparatus, and the library of the Hospital.

IV. They shall attend to patients on their admission, and give the necessary directions for their comfort before they are seen by their regular medical attendant; and beside the morning visit with the attending physician and surgeon, they shall make a daily evening visit to each patient between the hours of seven and eight P. M., and at such other times only as they may be requested to do so by the matron or nurse.

V. They shall, each in his own department, see all persons who apply for admission, either for themselves or for their friends, and shall, if practicable, visit or see the patient before admission to the Hospital. They shall make a record of all important facts in the case, in books kept for the purpose. If the case is obviously unsuitable for admission, under the

rules of the Hospital, they shall so record it; if otherwise, they shall report the case as soon as possible to the attending physician or surgeon, and obtain from him and transmit to the patient the necessary papers for admission. They shall conduct such correspondence in relation to the admission of patients as may be directed by the attending physician or surgeon.

VI. All communications of a personal nature made to the house physician or surgeon by a patient, or by the attending physician or surgeon concerning a patient, shall be considered as strictly confidential.

RULES FOR NURSES.

I. The nurses shall be responsible to the house physician or surgeon, as the case may be, for the regular administration of medicines and the care of patients, in accordance with the directions of the attending physician or surgeon, and shall not give, or allow to be given, to the patients any article of food or drink except such as the physician or surgeon may permit.

II. When articles of food are brought by visitors, the nurse will receive and take them to the matron until permission be given for their being eaten.

III. The linen of medical wards shall be changed twice weekly; and in the surgical wards according to special instructions in each case. In the confinement wards at least one clean sheet shall be given each day; the pillow-cases shall be changed twice weekly; the personal clothing every two days, unless otherwise ordered by the attending physician.

IV. The soiled clothes from confinement and surgical wards shall be removed from the room at once; no clothes soiled in washing patients, medical and surgical furniture or apparatus, such as bed-pans, syringes, etc., shall be used twice, or put in a closet after use until thoroughly cleansed.

V. Each morning nurses shall procure from the matron the required clean bed-linen and towels for their wards, and send the soiled linen to the laundry.

VI. The face and hands of all patients shall be bathed and their bed-linen changed before breakfast, unless in special cases, when instruction will be given by the attending physician or surgeon.

VII. The patients in the medical wards, unless too ill, may generally bathe themselves; in the surgical wards, the bathing will be according to special instructions in each case; in confinement wards the nurses shall bathe each patient once daily; when more or less frequently, special instructions will be given.

VIII. Nurses are required to be extremely careful at all times, and especially in bathing the patients, dressing wounds, giving enemas, etc., that there be the least possible exposure of the patient.

IX. Nurses shall follow the visits of the physician or surgeon, and shall, in all cases, hold themselves in readiness after the visit to receive

orders from the house physician or surgeon. Concerning everything which may occur between the visits, the nurse may consult either house physician or surgeon, as the case may be.

X. A strict watch of each patient and of every sympton shall be kept by the nurse, and reported to the physician or surgeon at the visits, and the nurse should be able to give exact information of the quantity and quality of all discharges, etc.

XI. The nurse shall see that the medicine-glasses of her ward are kept replenished, fresh medicine prepared daily, and the empty glasses thoroughly cleansed.

XII. The bed-pans, syringes, etc., shall be cleansed immediately after use, and kept in a designated place for inspection at the morning visit of the matron.

XIII. Articles belonging to each ward shall be kept for that ward only.

XIV. The nurses shall frequently wash the utensils as well as their own hands, with a weak solution of some disinfectant.

XV. Nurses will see that all is quiet in their wards during the night, and that the patients are not wakened before six o'clock, A. M. Between the hours of nine o'clock P. M. and six A. M., all noise, such as the turning on of water, unnecessary opening and shuting of doors, etc., shall be completely avoided.

XVI. The nurse in the surgical department shall see that the patients are kept perfectly quiet twenty-four hours at least after any important surgical operation, and that no person shall see them during this time without the permission of the surgeon.

XVII. No visitors are allowed to patients in the maternity wards until five days after confinement.

XVIII. The nurses are required to see that visitors do not come into their wards without permission, nor remain longer than the time prescribed.

XIX. Each nurse, while on duty, shall wear a soft cotton dress, white apron, and soft shoes without heels. She shall particularly care for her personal cleanliness, neatness, and simplicity in attire.

XX. Underclothes should be perfectly plain; no elaborately trimmed garments can be sent to the Hospital laundry, and the number each week shall not exceed eighteen pieces for each person.

XXI. The nurses shall take a half-hour's exercise daily, in the open air, at such time as the matron shall designate. When the nurse requires to be out a longer time, she must obtain special permission from the matron.

XXII. It is strictly forbidden that nurses spend their time in each other's wards or rooms.

XXIII. All lights are to be put out in the wards at nine o'clock, except in special cases of sickness.

XXIV. The nurses are, in a great degree, responsible in their wards

for the happiness and comfort of their patients, and will, in any difficulty or need, apply to the attending physician, house physician, surgeon, or matron, as the case may be, in securing these.

XXV. The nurses shall immediately report to the matron any infringements of the rules and regulations of the Hospital by the patients.

XXVI. The nurses are requested not to waste gas or water, and to read over these rules every week.

PHARMACIST.

The pharmacist shall have charge and make all purchases of the medicines, medical and surgical supplies, and instruments required in the Hospital, as directed by the Medical Board.

JANITOR.

The janitor shall have charge of and be responsible for all the fires in the Hospital, and shall keep the wards and halls at a temperature of 70° or as near thereto as possible. He shall also see that the gas and water are properly regulated, and not wasted or unnecessarily used, and that the Hospital grounds are suitably cared for.

He shall assist in the moving and care of the patients, and attend to such other matters about the Hospital as the matron may require. He shall not leave the Hospital grounds without the knowledge and consent of the matron. He shall see that all the windows and doors are secured, and the gas in the halls turned off at ten o'clock P. M.

SERVANTS.

I. Servants are to rise at six o'clock, summer and winter.

II. The servants will receive their orders from the matron, or some one designated by her, and will be held accountable by the matron for their proper performance.

III. The work must be done promptly, and as early as possible in the morning.

IV. All employés must be in their respective places during their hours of duty. The doors of the Hospital will be closed at ten P. M., at which time all are expected to be quiet, and those not on duty in their own rooms.

VISITORS.

I. Patients will be permitted to receive visits from their friends on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday of each week, from two to four o'clock P. M., and at no other time without a special permit from the physician or matron.

In all cases, however, the attending physician or surgeon may exercise discretionary powers as to excluding or admitting visitors. All visitors must leave at the expiration of the visiting hours.

II. Visitors will not be permitted to take any meal in the Hospital, or to pass the night therein, without the permission of the Executive Committee.

III. No visitor will be allowed to give any article of food or drink to a patient, unless by permission of the attending physician or surgeon, and any articles sent to the patient shall be left with the matron or nurse.

REPORT OF THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION.

MASSACHUSETTS HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL, 1879–80.

THE close of the year finds the Ladies' Aid Association somewhat diminished in numbers, but it is hoped that during the coming year new names may be added to its list, so that the subscriptions shall be as large as in former years.

The Secretary of the Association, Miss Wales, resigned in June, much to the regret of the Board of Directors, of whom she had been for some years an efficient member, and Mrs. Allen was appointed in her place. The vacancy thus caused in the Board was filled by the election of Mrs. George E. Foster.

The Purchasing Committee, consisting of three members of the Board, have in charge the obtaining of all articles for the Hospital in the way of furniture, and during the past year have been much occupied by their duties, many articles needing renewal, besides new pieces of furniture being deemed necessary.

The free bed of the Ladies' Aid Association has been entirely paid for, the balance due on it, $269.00, having been taken from the funds of the Association. It has been occupied constantly during the year by poor patients recommended by different members of the Association. Any lady who is a member can by applying to Mrs. Ditson, chairman of the committee having the bed in charge, have the sick person in whom she is interested admitted, if the physician judge it a hospital case.

The Association during the year have put electric bells into the different wards, where they were much needed, especially in those of the lower floor.

Also during the four summer months the Board of Directors deemed it advisable to supply carriages twice every week for those patients who were unable to walk out, and to furnish ice creams for the Sunday desserts. These luxuries were fully appreciated by the patients, who often speak of the comforts they enjoy in the Hospital.

During the year the former matron resigned, and her place has been filled by Mrs. Pratt, who enters into her duties with much interest.

The different Directors have arranged short Sunday services during their respective months, and the patients who are able to be present enjoy them exceedingly, while those who are confined to the wards listen with pleasure to the music.

The Association does a quiet, unobtrusive work in the Hospital, but its influence is surely felt, and its absence would be deeply regretted.

For the Association,

ELIZABETH B. ALLEN,

Secretary.

BOSTON, Jan. 28, 1880.

CONSTITUTION OF THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE I. The object of this Association shall be to aid the Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital.

ARTICLE II. Ladies may become members of this Association by the payment of $2 00 annually.

ARTICLE III. The officers shall consist of twelve Directors, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall have the control of the affairs of the Association, and shall submit a report of their doings at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE IV. The Secretary and Treasurer shall perform the duties usually pertaining to those offices. Each Director shall select some person or persons, who with herself shall be a Board of Hospital Visitors for the month to which she is assigned. It shall be the duty of the Board of Visitors to provide, as far as possible, for the needs of the patients. The number of visits per week may be left to the discretion of the monthly visitor, provided the visits be not less than two per week.

ARTICLE V. The Annual Meeting of the Association for the election of officers and the transaction of other business shall be held on the last Wednesday of January, immediately after the monthly meeting.

Monthly meetings of the Board of Officers shall be held on the last Wednesday of each month.

At each regular meeting a report shall be made by the Board of Visitors for that month.

Special meetings of the Association and of the Board of Officers shall be held on the call of the Secretary, at the request of three Directors.

ARTICLE VI. Should vacancies occur in the Board of Officers, they may be filled by the Board.

ARTICLE VII. The Constitution of this Association may be altered or amended at its Annual Meeting.

OFFICERS OF THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION FOR 1879.

DIRECTORS.

MRS. GEO. R. RUSSELL,
MRS. OLIVER DITSON,
MRS. A. G. FARWELL,
MRS. FRANKLIN KING,
MRS. ALEXANDER STRONG,
MRS. G. E. FOSTER,
MRS. AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY,
MRS. DAVID HUNT,
MISS M. J. ROGERS,
MRS. WILLIAM POPE,
MRS. EDWARD R. WHITNEY,
MRS. S. T. HOOPER.

SECRETARY.

MRS. FRANK R. ALLEN.

TREASURER.

MRS. F. W. ANDREWS.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION OF THE HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL IN ACCOUNT WITH MRS. F. W. ANDREWS, TREASURER, JANUARY, 1879, TO JANUARY, 1880.

DR.

To cash paid on free bed	$550 00
" " for nurse	22 00
" " for carriage hire	53 00
" " for ice cream	51 20
" " for furnishings	348 97
" " for stamps, postal cards, check book, and printing	16 38
	$1,041 55
Balance to new account	227 44
	$1,268 99

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By balance from last account	$374 56	
By cash premium on sale U. S. bonds and interest	35 00	
" discount on bill	43	
" donations on free bed*	281 00	
" annual subscriptions	578 00	
		$1,268 99

E. & O. E.

MRS. F. W. ANDREWS, *Treasurer.*

We have examined the accounts of the treasurer, and found them correct and properly vouched.

MRS. OLIVER DITSON,
MRS. ALEX. STRONG,
Auditing Committee.

*NAMES OF DONORS TO FREE BED, L. A. A., SINCE JAN. 1, 1879.

Miss Ellen Frothingham	$10 00	Mrs. N. R. Whitney	$100 00
Mrs. J. C. Newell	10 00	" C. R. Whitney, made in small collections	3 00
" C. D. Richardson	5 00	Mrs. Augustus Hemenway	100 00
" I. W. Hardcastle	3 00		
Proceeds of fair by Mrs. Oliver Ditson	50 00		$281 00

MEMBERS OF THE LADIES' AID ASSOCIATION.

Alvord, Mrs. A. G.
Angell, Mrs. H. C.
Ahlborn, Mrs. Henry
Albree, Mrs. John
Adams, Mr. L. B.
Apthorp, Mrs. R. E.
Allen, Mrs. F. R.
Atkinson, Mrs. Edward
Adams, Mrs Thomas
Andrews, Mrs. F. W.
Blake, Mrs. Charles
Bancroft, Mrs. George
Batcheller, Mrs. A. H.
Baker, Mrs. Richard
Bartol Miss L. H.
Bemis, Mrs. F. T.
Baker, Mr. C. T.
Brown, Mrs. M. E. A. C.
Brigham, Mrs. Wm.
Brown, Miss H. L.
Benedict, Mrs. W. G.
Bigelow, Mrs. L. A.
Butler, Mrs. Chas. S.
Bachelder, Mrs. A. E.
Berry, Mrs. A. D.
Blanchard, Mrs. Wm.
Boardman, Mrs. W. D.
Bowditch, Mrs. Wm I.
Burditt, Mrs. H. S.
Barnett, Mrs. A. L.
Billings, Mrs. F. W.
Bayley, Miss E D.
Burrage, Mrs. C. H.
Burrage, Mrs. J. K.
Bigelow, Mrs. Joshua
Bigelow, Miss Fannie
Brigham, Miss Lucy F.
Baker, Mrs. Dr. J. A.
Bishop, Miss Jennie
Bradt, Mrs. H. D.
Cate, Mrs. Dr. S. M.
Chandler, Mrs. Peleg W.
Cutler, Mrs Wm.
Cumings, Mrs J. W.
Crump, Mrs. C. H.
Clark, Mrs. Luther
Curtis, Mrs. C. P.
Copeland, Mrs. W. H. C.
Cutter, Miss A. F.
Curtis, Mrs. Paul
Curtis, Mrs. Henry
Clapp, Mr. Wm. W.
Clapp, Mrs. Wm. W.
Crosby, Mrs. Franklin
Cotton, Mrs. D. P.
Chapman, Mrs. D. R
Clark, Miss S. B. R.
Clement, Miss Helen I.
Crane, Mrs. Joshua
Cheney, Mrs. Edna D.
Chase, Mrs. Dr. H. L.
Cushing, Mrs. Dr. A. M.
Collamore, Miss Helen
Chandler, Mrs. Mary B.
Darrah, Mrs. R. K.
Dorr, Mrs. C H.
Dana, Mrs. Geo. N.
Dewson, Mrs. F. A.
Durant, Mrs. H. F.
Dennie, Mrs. Geo.
Dennie, Miss Sophie
Dennie, Miss Georgie
Dennie, Miss Mary
Dennie, Mr. Geo.
Ditson, Mr. Oliver
Ditson, Mrs. Oliver
Ditson, Mr. F. O
Ditson, Mr. J. Edward
Demeritt, Mrs J. F.
Dennett, Miss H.
Dean, Mrs. A. J.
Erskine, Mrs. John
Farwell, Mrs. A. G.
Frothingham Miss Ellen
Fenno, Mrs. Geo. D.
Freeland, Mrs. J. H.
Fuller, Mrs. Milton
Fuller, Mrs. J. E.
Forbes, Mrs. J. M.
Forbes, Mrs. Sarah G.
Fay, Mrs. Harrison
Farnsworth, Mrs. E. A.
Fay, Mrs. F. B.
Flint, Mrs D. B
Foster, Mrs. A S.
Fenno, Mrs. Isaac
Gersdorff, Mrs. E B. de
Gibson, Mrs G. M.
Goldthwait, Mrs. Joel
Goldthwait, Mrs. John
Goddard, Miss Julia
Greeley, Mrs. Joseph
Greenleaf, Mr. R. C.
Gray, Mrs. J H.
Gray, Mrs. Thomas
Green, Mrs Franklin
Green, Miss Emily
Green, Mrs. Geo. H.
Graves, Miss F. H.
Harding, Mrs. W. H.
Hardy, Mrs Alpheus
Harris, Mrs. Wm.
Harris, Miss Fannie K.
Hall, Mr. Chas B.
Henshaw, Miss A. B.
Hemenway, Mrs. Aug.
Hedge, Mrs. F. H.
Hills, Mrs. W. S.
Horton, Miss Fannie E.
Horton, Mrs. Wm. H.
Hooper Mrs. S T.
Howe, Mrs. Thomas
Hunt, Mrs. David
Huntington, Mrs. C. L.
Hunt, Mrs. S. M.
Hurd, Mrs. Benj.
Hinckley, Mrs. E. B.
Howes, Mrs Fred
Ives, Mrs. H P.
Jackson, Miss H.
Jackson, Mrs. W. F.
Jenkins, Mr. Chas. E.
Johnson, Jr., Mrs. S.
Johnson, Mrs. J. C.
Jewett, Mrs. N. M.
Kennard, Mrs. M. P.
Kennard, Mrs. W. H.
King, Mrs. C. E.
King, Mrs. Franklin
Kimball, Mrs. J. W.
Knowles, Mrs. L J.
Krebs, Mrs. Dr.
Leonard, Mrs. G. H.
Lewis, Mrs. John
Lincoln, Miss E.
Lincoln, Mrs. W. H.
Little, Mrs. Samuel
Maynz, Mrs. Edward
May, Mrs Samuel
May, Miss Eleanor G.
May, Miss Abby W.
Mitchell, Mrs. H. A.
Milliken, Mrs E. T.
Moors, Mrs. J. B
Morrison, Mrs. C. E.
Morrill, Mrs. Joseph

Noyes, Miss M. E.
Osgood, Mrs. J. Felt
Otis, Mrs. Theodore
Parsons, Mrs. Theoph.
Page, Mrs. C. K.
Page, Mrs. Kilby
Parker, Mrs. Theo.
Perkins, Mrs. J. C.
Phillips, Mrs. T. W.
Pierce, Mrs. Jacob
Pierce, Mrs. S. B.
Piper, Mrs. Solomon
Powars, Mrs. D. E.
Pope, Mrs. Wm.
Putnam, Mrs. M.
Pierce, Miss H. M.
Porter, Mrs. Burr
Raymond, Mrs H. E.
Rich, Mrs. Thos. A.
Richardson, Mrs. M. M.
Reed, Mrs. Jas. H.
Reed, Miss E.
Reed, Mrs. James
Reed, Miss Sarah G.
Robbins, Mrs. R. E.
Rogers, Miss M. J.
Robinson, Mrs. J. C.
Roberts, Mrs. S. R.
Russell, Mrs. G. R.
Russell, Mrs. H. G.
Russell, Mrs. Elliott
Russell, Mrs. H. S
Safford, Mrs. Wm. H.
Schwarz, Mrs. L. B.
Seabury, Mrs. Chas. W.
Shaw, Mrs. Quincy A.
Simpkins, Mrs. John
Simpkins, Mrs. Mary W.
Silsbee, Mrs. B. H.
Silsbee, Mrs. E. S.
Slack, Mrs. Chas. W.
Smith, Mrs. H. T.
Spalding, Mrs. J. J.
Spalding, Miss J. V.
Stanwood, Mrs. H. B.
Stanwood, Mrs. H. P.
Stone, Mrs. P. A.
Strong, Mrs. Alex.
Stevenson, Miss H. E.
Sturgis, Mrs. James
Stratton, Mrs. C. E.
Stone, Mrs. E. W.
Taggard, Mrs. B. W.
Talbot, Mrs. Newton
Talbot, Mrs. I. T.
Tarbell, Mrs. J. A.
Taylor, Mrs. W. O.
Thorndike, Mrs. J. H.
Tower, Mrs. W. L.
Trautman, Mrs. M.
Tracy, Mrs F. U.
Tudor, Mrs. Fenno
Wales, Mr. T. C.
Wales, Miss M. R.
Ware, Mrs. John
Watson, Mrs. R. S.
Webster, Mrs. D. L.
Weld, Mrs. C. Elliott
Weld, Mr. Aaron D.
Wesselhoeft, Dr. W. P.
Wesselhoeft, Mrs. W. P.
Wesselhoeft, Mrs. C.
Whorf, Mrs S
Whitney, Mrs Edward
Whitney, Mrs. Sarah
Whitney, Miss Sarah W.
Williams, Mrs. Thos. B.
Winchester, Mrs. D. L.
Witherell, Mrs. S. A.
Wild, Mrs. J. C.
Wild, Miss Catherine
Wiswell, Mrs. W. D.
Wood, G. W. E.
Wright, Mrs. Edwin

NOTE. — Any lady may become a member by sending her address and $2.00 or more to the treasurer, Mrs. F. W. Andrews, 187 Beacon Street.

METHODS OF ASSISTING

THE

MASSACHUSETTS HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL.

ANY person can aid the Hospital by contributing in either of the following ways: —

1. Donations of money in any amount and at any time, as it is always needed; also of fruit, flowers, vegetables, provisions, books, ornaments, clothing, bandages, old linen, and whatever is necessary or useful for the sick.
2. Annual subscriptions, to be paid at any time during the year, and continued at the will of the donor.
3. One hundred dollars for membership.
4. One hundred and fifty dollars annually for a free bed, to be used six months in the year.
5. One thousand dollars for a free bed, to be used three months each year during the donor's life.
6. Twenty-five hundred dollars for a free bed, to be used all the time, if desired, during the donor's life.
7. Five thousand dollars for a permanent free bed, which may be kept always full.
8. Any sum of money given or collected for free beds, for which a certificate is issued which entitles the holder to a free bed within one year, to the full amount of the certificate, at the established Hospital rates. By this method almost any person may secure the control of a free bed.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital, to be paid by my executors to the person acting as treasurer, the sum of dollars, to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of said Hospital, under the direction of its board of officers.

ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.

All applications, either by letter or otherwise, for admission to the Hospital, should be made to the Attending Physician or Surgeon, who will ascertain whether the case is suitable, and if so, will procure and furnish to the patient the necessary papers for admission.

The arrangements for rooms, attendance, etc., with terms for paying patients, must be made with the Matron, to whom all payments should be made.

In cases of accident or of extreme emergency, the patient will be admitted without delay, and provided for as well as circumstances will permit.

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